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LETTER DATED 18 MARCH 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I wish to inform you of fresh Iranian violations of the terms of the cease-fire between the two countries during the period 1 to 14 March 1992.

1. At 0815 hours on 1 March 1992, an Iranian helicopter was seen coming from the Iranian rear. It circled at an altitude of 200 metres over the Iranian units in front of the Bajaliyah observation post at geographical coordinates 385758, reconnoitred the sector from Bajaliyah to hill 146 at geographical coordinates 394685 and continued to circle for 18 minutes before returning to the Iranian rear (map of Shaykh Faris-Baydah).

2. At 0830 hours on 1 March 1992, a dump truck was seen coming from the Iranian rear carrying a group of an estimated 30 persons who proceeded to erect stakes and barbed wire in front of the Iranian posts opposite the Saddam guard post at geographical coordinates 426564 inside the area of separation (map of Shaykh Faris-Baydah).

3. At 0845 hours on 1 March 1992, an Iranian helicopter was seen coming from the Iranian rear. It circled over the positions of the Iranian units in front of Fakke, continued circling for five minutes at a low altitude and then returned to the Iranian rear (map of Shaykh Faris-Baydah).

4. At 0900 hours on 1 March 1992, an Iranian helicopter was seen circling over the positions of the Iranian units in front of the Umash guard post at geographical coordinates 5542. It continued circling for five minutes and then returned to the Iranian rear (map of Shaykh Faris-Baydah).

5. At 1615 hours on 8 March 1992, the Iranian side constructed a new guard post of blocks and corrugated iron and raised the Iranian flag at geographical coordinates 907770 inside the area of separation (map of Saybah).

6. At 1730 hours on 8 March 1992, the Iranian side constructed a new guard post of blocks and corrugated iron at geographical coordinates 907758 inside the area of separation (map of Saybah). The post was manned by eight persons and the Iranian flag was raised over it.

7. At 1800 hours on 10 March 1992, the Iranian side built a new post in the area of Naft-e Shah at geographical coordinates 448665 in front of the Faruq guard post inside the area of separation (map of Khanaqin).

8. At 0615 hours on 12 March 1992, an Iranian post was observed on the international boundary line on the range of hills opposite the Tib guard post at geographical coordinates 058935 inside the area of separation (map of Tib).

9. At 1100 hours on 14 March 1992, a khaki-coloured Iranian fixed-wing aircraft flying at medium altitude and speed was seen coming from the direction of Muhammarah at a distance of 2 kilometres from the border rampart opposite the Iraqi units at geographical coordinates 908864 in Bubiyan (map of Tahiri).

10. At 1400 hours on 14 March 1992, an Iranian bulldozer was seen levelling the area at geographical coordinates 441639 inside the area of separation (map of Khanaqin).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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